



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY CADET COMMAND
FORT MONROE, VIRGINIA 23651-5000

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11 JAN 2007

MEMORANDUM FOR

Region and Brigade Commanders, U.S. Army Cadet Command
Professors of Military Science, U.S. Army Cadet Command
Directors and Special Staff, Headquarters, U.S. Army Cadet
Command

SUBJECT: Paintball Training Policy Memorandum

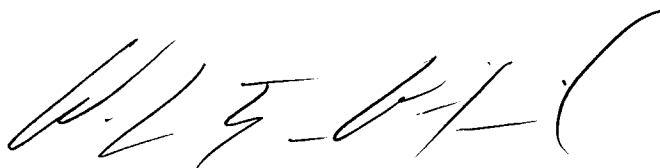
1. I am authorizing the use of paintball technology as a method to train Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills in accordance with our current curriculum.
2. The advantages paintball offers as a vehicle for tactical training are obvious: realism, excitement, cost effectiveness, and simplicity. At the same time, we must be judicious in its use.
3. Paintball must be used as a true training aid, not merely as an extracurricular or recreational activity. Paintball equipment requires maintenance to remain serviceable, and should not be abused or used for other than official Military Science training events. The equipment should be used only in support of pre-commissioning training under the supervision of cadre members, and accountability maintained at all times. Proper examples of paintball use would be during Field Training Exercises and weekly labs. Coordination or permission may be required for specific areas of use on or near campus, and we must maintain good stewardship of our land and environment. It goes without saying that paintball equipment has the potential for misuse which we must avoid to uphold our exemplary reputation in the collegiate community.
4. Safety while using paintball technology is paramount. Treat paintball guns like real weapons and use common sense. Ensure proper safety equipment (helmet, goggles, gloves, elbow/knee pads, neck protection, and appropriate uniform or clothing) is worn. Ensure weapon velocities are calibrated/verified at a minimum setting prior to each use to prevent injury. Always assume paintball guns are loaded and use/install safe weapons handling practices.

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5. Schools are authorized to purchase and maintain paintball equipment and paintballs using their existing Operation and Maintenance Account (OMA) funds. Professors of Military Science will use discretion in the priority of expenditures for paintball equipment in relation to other training events and equipment. Do not spend excessively on paintball at the expense of other training events. No currently existing mandatory training requirements will be relaxed to substitute paintball.

6. G3 point of contact for training questions is Mr. Rob Trexler, DSN 680-4773, commercial (757) 788-4773.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Montague Winfield', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

W. MONTAGUE WINFIELD
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

"Train to Lead - We Commission"